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MADRID, PASS DUBS' PARTY, ALL INFO ADDEES TAKE AS IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER USED AND DID NOT GO BE-

YOND FOLLOWING GUIDANCE AT FEBRUARY 17 SPECIAL NEWS BRIEFING:

Q. WHAT FURTHER ACTION HAVE WE TAKEN WITH THE AFGHAN
GOVERNMENT CONCERNING DUBS' DEATH?

A. -- WE HAVE FOLLOWED UP ON THE CHARGE'S ORAL PROTEST
WITH A FORMAL NOTE ON FEBRUARY 17 TO AFGHAN DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN FROM ACTING SECRETARY
CHRISTOPHER, IN WHICH WE ACKNOWLEDGED THE EXPRESSIONS OF
CONDOLENCE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND REITERATED OUR
PROTEST OVER THE PRECIPITIOUS ACTION TAKEN BY THE AFGHAN
SECURITY FORCES.

-- IN ADDITION, WE ARE FORMALLY REQUESTING A FULL REPORT
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN ON THEIR INVESTIGATION
INTO AMBASSADOR DUBS' DEATH.

Q. IS IT TRUE THAT THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT HAD NO REPRE-
SENTATION AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR AMBASSADOR DUBS IN
KABUL AS WIRE SERVICES HAVE REPORTED?

A. NO, THAT IS INCORRECT. MR. SHAMRIEZ OF THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND SEVERAL PROTOCOL OFFICERS ATTENDED THE
CEREMONY.

-- IN ADDITION, MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION BAREQ
SHAFIEE AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS DOST AND MOKAMEL
REPRESENTED THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT AT THE AIRPORT WHEN THE
PLANE DEPARTED.

-- ALSO, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DOST CALLED ON CHARGE
AMSTUTZ AT THE EMBASSY TO SIGN THE CONDOLENCE BOOK AND
DELIVER A WREATH.

Q. WHAT DO YOU HAVE ON THE DETENTION OF AN AMERICAN AND
BRITISH CORRESPONDENT?

A. THOMAS LIPPMAN OF THE WASHINGTON POST AND DAVID
HOUSEGO OF THE FINANCIAL TIMES WERE DETAINED BY THE AFGHAN
POLICE FEBRUARY 16. THEY WERE RELEASED THE SAME DAY. VANCE

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